

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00

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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, IZ, US

SUBJECT: IRAQ NATIONALIZES US PORTION BPC

1. BAGHDAD RADIO BROADCAST HEARD LOCALLY ANNOUNCED  
NATIONALIZATION OF US COMPANY INTERESTS IN BASRA  
PETROLEUM COMPANY. COMPANIES ARE EXXON AND MOBIL.  
AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NON US OWNER'S INTERESTS HAVE  
NOT RPT NOT BEEN AFFECTED.

2. COMMENT: WE UNAWARE REASON FOR GOI ACTION, BUT  
SINCE BAGHDAD ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO INCLUDED CALL FOR  
DESTROYING AMERICAN INTERESTS IN ALL ARAB COUNTRIES  
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AND STOPPING EXPORTING OIL TO AMERICA AND ALL COUNTRIES

SUPPORTING ISRAEL, ACTION APPEARS RELATED TO CURRENT  
MIDEAST FIGHTING. NEWS RUNS COUNTER TO RECENT  
FAVORABLE MOVES IN IRAQ TOWARD U.S. COMPANIES.  
KUWAIT PRESS TODAY, FOR EXAMPLE, REPORTS BECHTEL HAS  
BEEN AWARDED CONTRACT TO BUILD BASRA/FAO PIPELINE.  
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